

## 2. Membership

- a. The membership of the Science and Technical Advisory Committee shall be broad-based and may include scientists and researchers from local colleges, universities, and research institutes, as well as technical staff from federal and local agencies, industry, and environmental organizations with expertise in science and technology relevant to environment and natural resource management in the Albemarle-Pamlico estuarine system. Representatives of state agencies may serve as non-voting liaisons to the committee.
- b. All members will be expected to have an advanced degree (Master's or above) and/or extensive experience (at least 6 years), with expertise in scientific and technical fields germane to APNEP's mission.
- c. Members should have expertise in science and technology relevant to environment and natural resource management including, but not limited to, landscape ecology, terrestrial ecology, wetlands ecology, submerged aquatic ecology, marine biology, hydrology, remote sensing, ecological assessment, engineering, agricultural technologies, forest technologies, soil conservation, water quality modeling, environmental policy, economics, public policy, planning, spatial statistics, and law.

## 3. Meetings

The Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee shall meet as deemed appropriate by the Chair or upon request by the Director of the APNEP Office.

## D. Administration and Expenses

1. Each advisory body shall be responsible for determining its own rules of order, terms of service, bylaws, chairmanship, attendance requirements, ad-hoc committees, and other matters of protocol. All meetings shall be held in accordance with the Open Meetings Law.
2. Vacancies on an advisory body shall be filled by invitation from the remaining members as set forth in each committee's bylaws.
3. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, through the APNEP Office, shall provide clerical support and other services required by the advisory bodies.
4. Members of the advisory bodies shall serve voluntarily and without compensation or per diems. Extraordinary expenses may be reimbursed subject to approval by the APNEP Director and in accordance with DENR travel policies, State law, and the policies and regulations of the Office of State Budget and Management.